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Letter dated 18 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the elections in the Russian Federation.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 113 (b) of the preliminary list.

(Signed) F. Paolo FULCI
Ambassador

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ANNEX

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Statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the elections in the Russian Federation, issued at Rome on 18 June 1996

The Presidency of the European Union notes with satisfaction that the first round of presidential elections in the P·ssian Federation has taken place in a free and fair way. This ballot shows that the majority of Russian electors are in favour of continuing the process of democratic reforms in the framework of order and social peace. The Presidency of the European Union will follow the second round with the same interest, and is determined to maintain and develop its partnership with the Russian Federation as well as its support for the reform process.